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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 February 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4,6,7,10-25,27,28,31-39,42 and 43 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6, 7, 10-25, 27-28, 31-39, 42 and 43 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 2/15/2008 has been entered.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to applicant's amendment dated 2/15/2008.
2. Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 10-25, 27-28, 31-39, 42 and 43 are pending in the case.
3. Claims 5, 8, 9, 26, 29, 30, 40, 41 and 44 are cancelled.
4. Claims 1, 15, 22 and 36 are independent claims.

Applicant's Response

5. In Applicant's response dated 2/15/2008, applicant has amended the following:
 - a) Specification
 - b) Claims 1, 3, 4, 15, 24, 25 and 38

Based on Applicant's amendments and remarks, the following objections and rejections previously set forth in Office Action dated 11/26/2007 are withdrawn:

- a) 35 U.S.C. 112 1st Rejection to claims 3, 4, 24, 25 and 44
- b) 35 U.S.C. 112 2nd Rejection to claims 22-25, 27, 28, 31-39 and 43

Drawings

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the “after detecting the request and prior to providing the application with contact information, **informing the user that the application is seeking certain contact information**” (emphasis added) must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as “amended.” If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either “Replacement Sheet” or “New Sheet” pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

7. **Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 10-25, 27-28, 31-39, 42 and 43 are rejected under 35**

U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Barrett et al. (hereinafter “Barrett”), U.S.

Patent No. 6,581,059 B1.

Claim 1:

Barrett teaches **in a computing system that is in communication with at least one application, a method for controlling how contact information is provided to one or more applications** (see abstract, Figure 1).

Barrett teaches **the method comprising: detecting a request from an application for contact information corresponding to a particular user** (see col. 5 lines 9-18, col. 6 lines 19-27, col. 8 lines 4-8).

Barrett teaches **upon detecting the request and prior to providing the application with access to the contact information, determining whether the application is authorized to access the contact information** (see col. 7 lines 34-63, col. 8 lines 7-14).

Barrett teaches **upon determining that the application is authorized to access the contact information, identifying available contact personas associated with the particular user; each of the contact personas comprising contact information about the particular user** (see col. 8 lines 1-33).

Barrett teaches **after detecting the request and prior to providing the application with contact information, informing the user that the application is seeking certain contact information; presenting to the user a list of selectable contact personas associated with the user** (see col. 8 lines 1-49).

Barrett teaches **receiving a user selection of a contact persona from the list of the listed contact personas** (see col. 6 lines 30-40).

Barrett teaches **determining an appropriate format in which the contact information corresponding to the selected contact persona is to be presented to the application; and providing the application with the contact information corresponding to the selected contact persona** (see col. 8 lines 34-49).

Claim 2:

Barrett teaches **wherein each of the available contact personas corresponds to a single user of the computing system** (see col. 5 lines 8-18, Figure 1).

Claim 3:

Barrett teaches **after having detected the request for contact information from an application and after having informed the user that the application is**

seeking certain contact information, requiring the user to explicitly approve transmission of contact information (see abstract, col. 6 lines 30-45, col. 7 lines 1-10).

Claim 4:

Barrett teaches **after having detected the request for contact information from an application, displaying a privacy value proposition to inform the user what the contact information will be used for** (see col. 2 lines 1-3, col. 6 lines 22-26, col. 8 lines 18-22).

Claim 6:

Barrett teaches **wherein the corresponding contact information to be provided to the application constitutes a subset of the available contact information associated with the selected contacted persona** (see col. 6 lines 30-45).

Claim 7:

Barrett teaches **wherein the subset of the available contact information to be provided to the application is selected based on the intended use of the contact information** (see col. 2 lines 1-3, col. 6 lines 22-26, col. 7 lines 1-10, col. 8 lines 18-22).

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Claim 10:

Barrett teaches **wherein whether the application is authorized to access the contact information is determined based upon one or more authorizations provided in an access control list of the computing system** (see col. 1 lines 47-48, col. 6 lines 35-40, col. 8 lines 11-14).

Claim 11:

Barrett teaches **wherein the application requesting information is hosted on a remote system that is in communication with the computing system through the Internet** (see col. 6 lines 3-6, col. 9 lines 25-27, Figures 1 and 3).

Claim 12:

Barrett teaches **wherein the application requesting the contact information is hosted by the computing system** (see col. 8 lines 4-7, Figures 1 and 3).

Claim 13:

Barrett teaches **wherein the requested contact information includes at least one of a name and an address** (see col. 8 lines 2-3).

Claim 14:

Barrett teaches **wherein the available contact information corresponding to a first contact persona differs from the contact information corresponding to a**

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second contact persona, even though the first and second contact personas both correspond to the same user (see col. 5 lines 8-18, col. 6 lines 32-35, col. 8 lines 2-3).

Claim 15:

Barrett teaches **in a computing system that is in communication with at least one application, a method for controlling how the contact information is provided to one or more applications** (see abstract, Figure 1).

Barrett teaches **the method comprising: in response to a request for contact information by an application and prior to providing contact information to the application, informing the user that the application is seeking certain contact information** (see col. 8 lines 1-49).

Barrett teaches **providing an interface object comprising a plurality of listed and selectable contact personas that are all associated with a single person and allowing a user to select one of the contact personas to be provided to the application** (see col. 6 lines 30-40, col. 8 lines 34-49).

Barrett teaches **wherein the respective contact information corresponding to a first contact persona differs from the available contact information corresponding to a second contact persona, even though the first and second contact personas are both associated with the same person** (see col. 5 lines 8-18, col. 6 lines 32-35, col. 8 lines 2-3).

Barrett teaches **in response to a user selection of a particular contact persona, displaying the respective contact information corresponding to the selected contact persona** (see col. 6 lines 30-40, col. 8 lines 34-49).

Barrett teaches **enabling the user to modify the respective contact information corresponding to the selected contact persona**; (see col. 1 lines 11-24, col. 5 lines 8-18).

Barrett teaches **upon the user approving the respective contact information, providing the respective contact information corresponding to the selected contact persona to the application** (see abstract, col. 6 lines 30-45, col. 7 lines 1-10, col. 8 lines 34-49).

Claim 16:

Barrett teaches **wherein the plurality of listed and selectable contact personas includes at least a business persona, a personal persona, and an anonymous persona** (see col. 5 lines 8-18, col. 6 lines 32-35, col. 8 lines 2-3)..

Claim 17:

Barrett teaches **wherein the respective contact information is displayed with one or more privacy policies of the application that specify at least one of how and when the contact information will be used by the application** (see col. 2 lines 1-3, col. 6 lines 22-26, col. 8 lines 18-22).

Claims 18-20:

Claims 18, 19, and 20 are method claims and are substantially encompassed in method claims 11, 12 and 13 respectively; therefore the method claims are rejected under the same rationale as method claims 11, 12 and 13 above.

Claim 21:

Barrett teaches **wherein the contact personas are associated with a logged on user of the computing system** (see col. 6 lines 10-18).

Claims 22-24:

Claims 22-24 include a program embodied on a computer readable medium to implement the steps that are substantially encompassed in method claims 1-3 respectively; therefore the claims are rejected under the same rationale as method claims 1-3 above.

Claim 25:

Claim 25 includes a program embodied on a computer readable medium to implement the steps that are substantially encompassed in method claim 4; therefore the claim is rejected under the same rationale as method claim 4 above.

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Claims 27 and 28:

Claims 27 and 28 include a program embodied on a computer readable medium to implement the steps that are substantially encompassed in method claims 6 and 7 respectively; therefore the claims are rejected under the same rationale as method claims 6 and 7 above.

Claims 31-35:

Claims 31-35 include a program embodied on a computer readable medium to implement the steps that are substantially encompassed in method claims 10-14 respectively; therefore the claims are rejected under the same rationale as method claims 10-14 above.

Claims 36-39:

Claims 36, 37, 38 and 39 are substantially encompassed in method claims 15, 16, 17 and 18 respectively; therefore claims 36, 37, 38 and 39 are rejected under the same rationale as method claims 15, 16, 17 and 18 above.

Claim 42:

Barrett teaches **wherein the plurality of listed and selectable contact personas also includes an e-commerce persona** (see col. 6 lines 32-34).

Claim 43:

Claim 43 includes a program embodied on a computer readable medium to implement the steps that are substantially encompassed in method claim 42; therefore the claim is rejected under the same rationale as method claim 42 above.

Response to Arguments

8. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-4, 6, 7, 10-25, 27-28, 31-39, 42 and 43 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Henry Orr whose telephone number is (571) 270 1308. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday 8 to 4.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Doug Hutton can be reached on (571) 272-4137. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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